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Ambassador El Sayed Abdel Raouf El Reedy, Ambassador of Egypt to the United States. - "Prospects for Peace in the Middle East"

Ambassador Vladimir P. Lukin, Russian Ambassador to the United States. "After the Cold War -A Vision of Russia's Role in Europe and the New World Order"

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